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A few notes on Atalante's poster campaign in Montreal



From **Montréal-Antifasciste**

A big deal was made last weekend (January 20–21) about a tawdry poster campaign in Montréal that targeted an array of political figures and local militants. Without downplaying the significance of the action, we believe that it is important to not blow things out of proportion and to identify the people involved.

Rumours have been circulating for a while about plans by the far-right groupuscule Atalante, which has been active in Québec City for years now, to launch a “new” chapter in Montréal. The feeble overnight display of January 20–21 was meant to be this notorious new chapter’s coming out party.

It’s important to keep in mind that the so-called Montréal branch of Atalante is made up of the same pinheads that have been kicking around the city for a while, primarily as members of the Soldiers of Odin. A few of them have already been featured on this site, e.g., Philippe

Gendron and David Leblanc (SOO), as has another participant, Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald, a white supremacist fan of the alt-right, who has already made a number of appearances here.

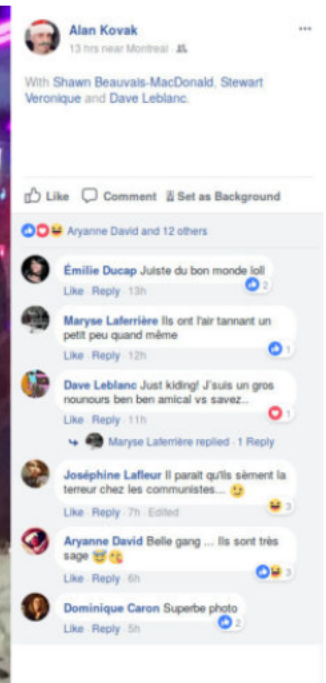
Let's take a look at who took part in this fabled January night-time adventure. The fascists were so kind as to post an entire photo album of their half-assed escapades on Atalante's Facebook page.

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This person has the same build, the same posture, the recognizable leather jacket, and the distinct clothing of a certain **Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald**, whom we've discussed numerous times on this site.

As was already reported on the **On Jase**, website, Alan Kovak (real name, Martin Minna; alias Boris Popovich) was foolish enough to use his Facebook page (all of his accounts are now closed) to publish a series of photos and a video bragging about the role he and his associates, whom he was good enough to identify, played in the postering campaign.



Beauvais-MacDonald is very easily identified, not only by his physical stature, posture, and clothing, but by comparisons with his well documented appearance at numerous far-right demonstrations in 2017:



Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald at the La Meute demonstration in Montréal on March 4, 2017. Note the “Venus” tuque.



Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald at the "patriotic" demonstration on April 23, 2017, with some acolytes.



Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald at the white supremacist Unite the Right demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia, August 12, 2017.



Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald at La Meute's "underground garage demonstration" in Québec City on August 20, 2017.

We also know that Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald is close to Atalante and the Soldiers of Odin, as is indicated by this "family photo" with Raphaël Lévesque (alias Raf Stomper, leader of Atalante) and his easily identified presence in the Atalante/SOO contingent at the November 25, 2017 demonstration in Québec City:



Raphaël Lévesque (alias Raf Stomper) and Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald. Note the t-shirt.



The Atalante contingent on the Esplanade rampart in Québec City on November 25, 2017.



Shawn Beauvais-MacDonald with the Atalante/SOO contingent at the far-right demonstration in Québec City on November 25, 2017. Note the leather jacket, the "Venus" tuque, and the t-shirt.

Some Atalante members and sympathizers who participated in the January 20 poster campaign are also easily identified by cross referencing photos from a variety of sources.



This individual carries himself in the same way as Mathieu Bergeron, a close associate of Atalante, who was easily recognized on the Esplanade rampart during the far-right demonstration in Québec city on November 25, 2017:



Mathieu Bergeron with the Atalante/SOO contingent at the far-right demonstration in Québec City on November 25, 2017. Note the Légitime Violence ball cap, identical to the one in the previous two photos and the next one.

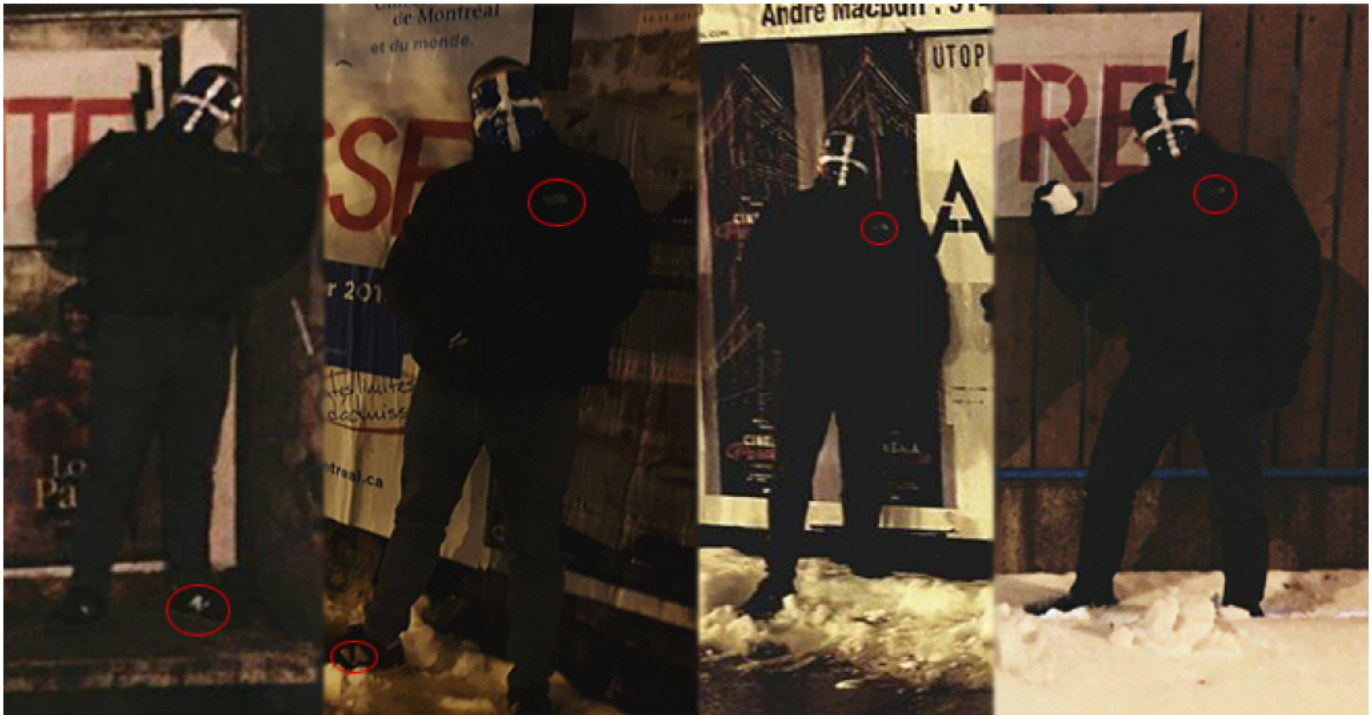


Mathieu Bergeron



Mathieu Bergeron

The most well known Atalante member is certainly Raphaël “Raf Stomper” Lévesque, who was clearly part of the January 20, 2018 adventure in Montréal:



Raphaël Lévesque, Atalante leader, participating in the January 20, 2018 poster campaign in Montréal. Note the North Face jacket and the New Balance running shoes.



Atalante on the Esplanade rampart in Québec City, with Raphaël Lévesque in the centre.



Raphaël Lévesque rallying his storm troopers at the November 25, 2017 far-right demonstration at the Assemblée Nationale.



Raphaël Lévesque in good company; Stomper “Yannick Sailor” appears on the right.

There are numerous photos of the Québec City Stomper Crew and Légitime Violence's entourage on the [Montréal Contre-Information](https://mtlcounterinfo.org) website, and Raphaël Lévesque appears in most of them.

A third Atalante accomplice appears in the January 20, 2018 campaign photo album, Vincent Cyr of Varennes:



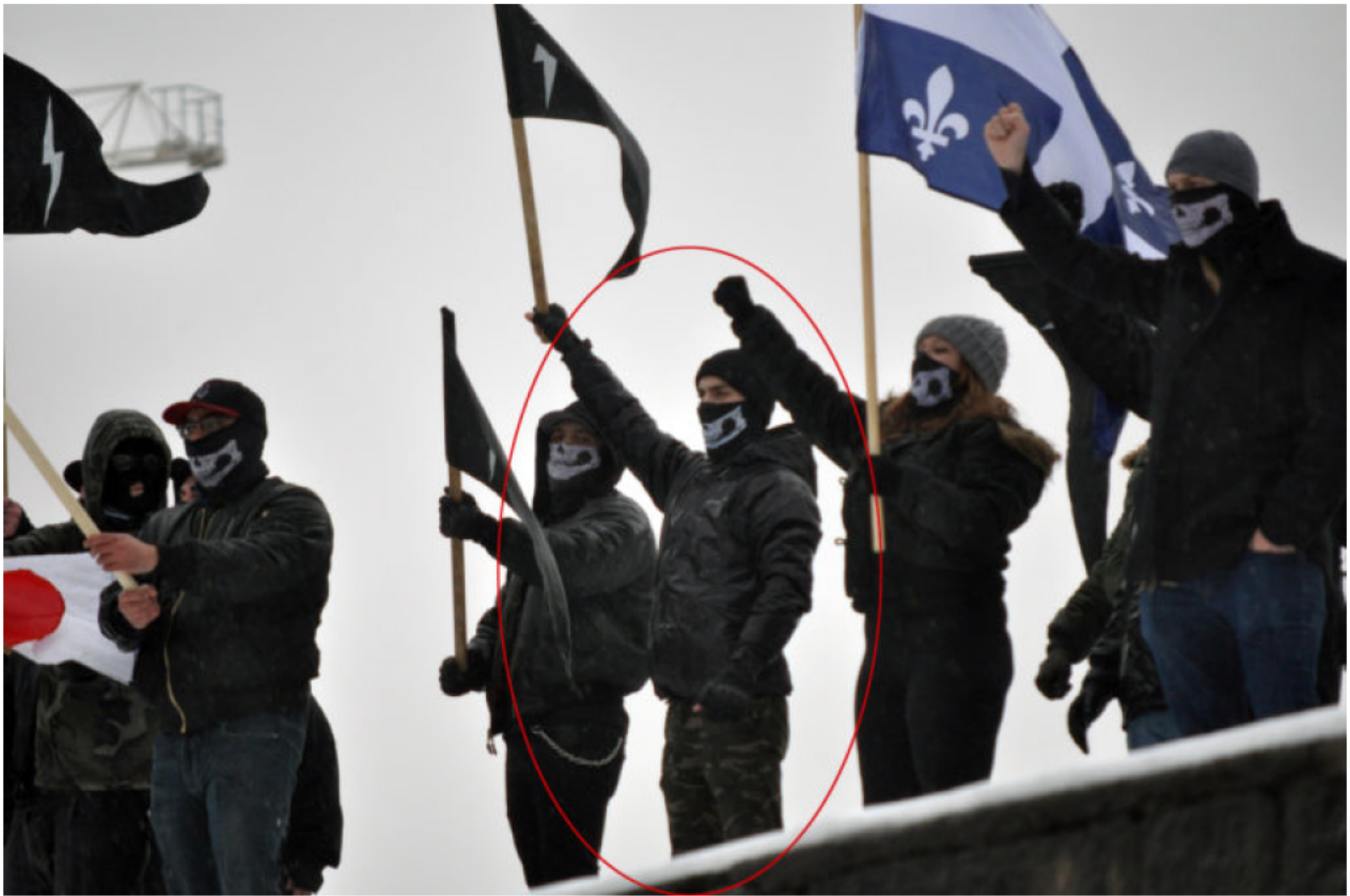
Vincent Cyr, Atalante sympathizer in Montréal on January 20, 2018. Note the tattoos on his hands and the patch on his bomber jacket.



Vincent Cyr. Note the tattoos, the patch, the bomber jacket, and the camo pants.



Vincent Cyr, Atalante sympathizer. Note the Rock Against Communism patch.

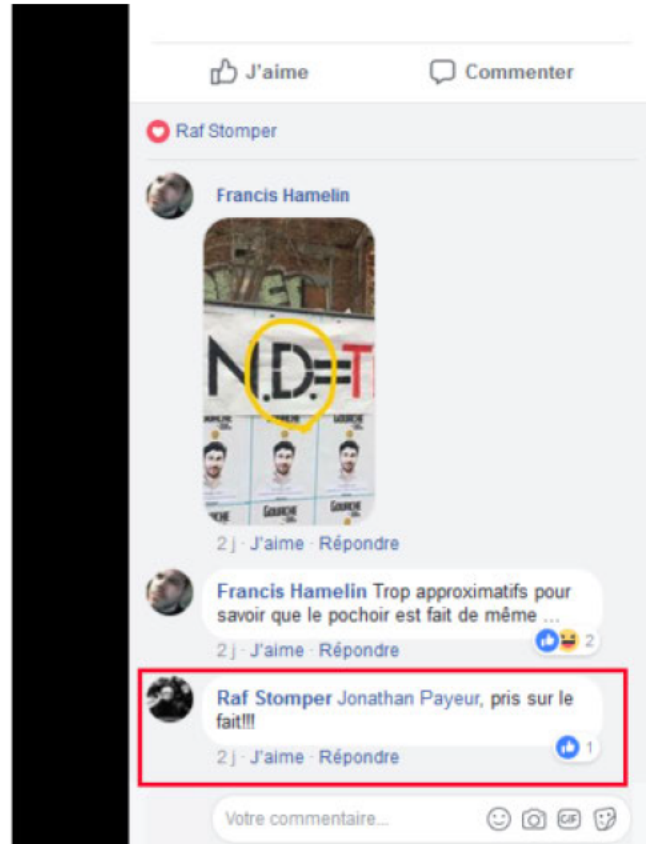


Vincent Cyr with Atalante on the Esplanade rampart in Québec City, November 25, 2017.

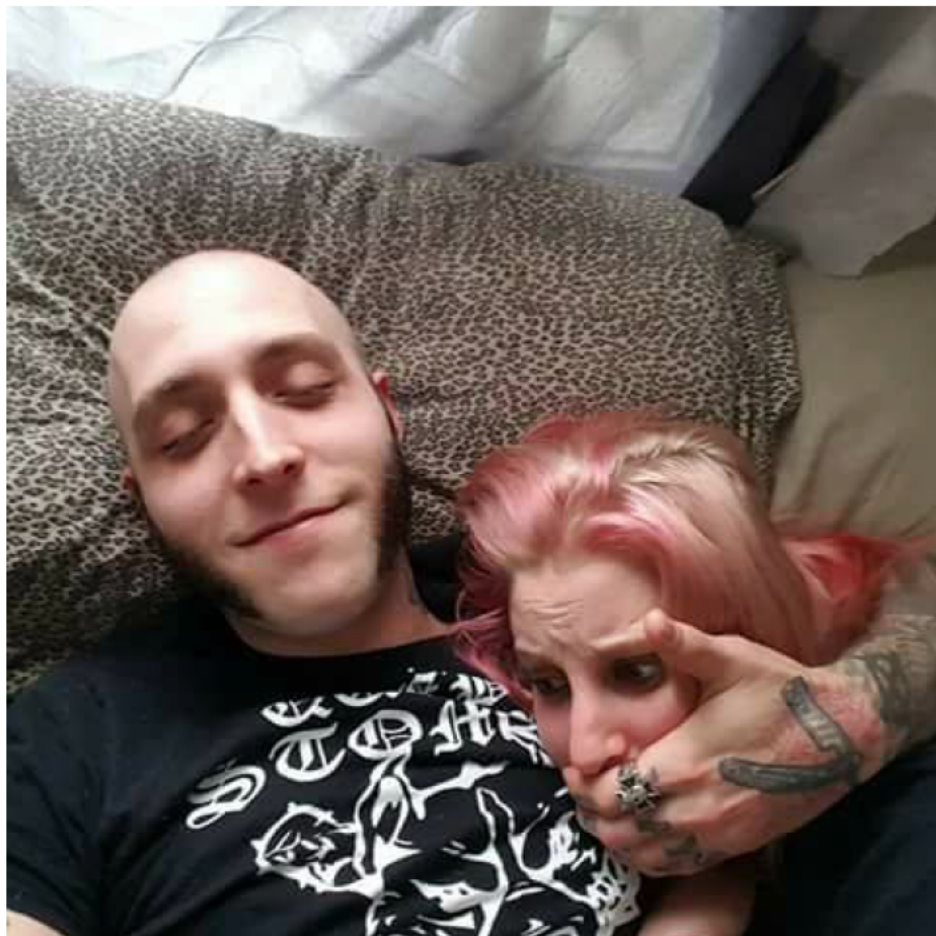


Vincent Cyr with Atalante and the Soldiers of Odin at the far-right demonstration in Québec City on November 25, 2017.

It seems another member of Atalante's entourage, a bonehead from the Québec City Stompers scene, Jonathan Payeur, was at least partially responsible for producing the group's banners, which get their distinctive character from the chosen font. Here's a revealing exchange on the subject from Raf Stomper's Facebook page:



Raf Stomper's comment reads: "Johnathan Payeur caught in the act!"



Jonathan Payeur, a close associate of Atalante and the Québec City Stomper Crew.



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Let's not forget our good friend David Leblanc, the "I'm not a racist" Nazi and all-round Soldiers of Odin fuck-up, another victim of the ineptitude of his accomplice Martin Minna, alias Alan Kovak:



On the left, the Soldiers of Odin's David Leblanc.



The Soldiers of Odin's David Leblanc, in the company of Guillaume Levesque and Ian Alarie from Varennes, showing us just how high he can reach.



David Leblanc with the Soldiers of Odin contingent in Québec on November 25, 2017.



It was a busy weekend for David Leblanc, who was in Sherbrooke on January 21 to participate in the “Journée du drapeau” [flag day] with Les Insoumis. Behind him are Soldiers of Odin Philippe Gendron and Katy Latulippe.

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Rather than succumb to fear or inadvertently contribute to their propaganda by sharing the photos of their racist exploits without providing a context, we believe it is essential that we unmask and expose these fascists, who are taking up an increasing amount of space in our cities.

If you have additional information on the individuals mentioned in this article or about other fascists, contact alerta-mtl@riseup.net.



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